

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2005, it is estimated that over 66,000 men and women in the United States will be diagnosed with skin cancer, with approximately 770 of those people residing in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, while skin cancer is the seventh most diagnosed cancer in our country, as many as 80% of the cases could be prevented by protecting the skin from the sun's harmful rays; and

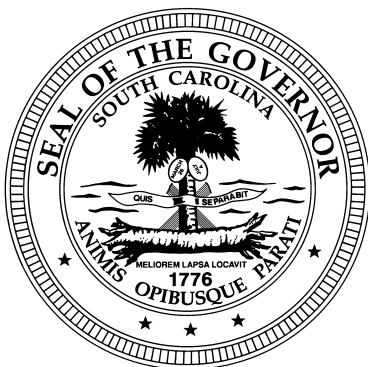
WHEREAS, even though everyone is at risk for getting skin cancer, protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence will reduce the risk during adulthood; and

WHEREAS, recognizing changes in skin growths or the appearance of new growths is the most effective method for early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to build safe sun habits into their families' daily routines and to examine their skin on a regular basis.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA